

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How can I confirm my transcripts demonstrate that I have earned enough credits?

You can email all your documents to iwelch@dcappeals.gov for review. Please allow up to 5 business days for a response.

2. I plan to apply for the July 2022 and/or February 2023 bar exam. What is the educational requirement to sit for those exams?

Applicants who wish to apply for the July 2022 or February 2023 bar (s) must demonstrate a completion of at least 64 credits in law subjects (plus the 26 credits at an ABA approved law school in subjects substantially concentrated in subjects tested on the UBE). Applicants who do not meet the credit requirement may take additional courses.

3. I plan to apply for admission via transfer of UBE score. What is the educational requirement?

Please refer to No. 2. The requirement is the same if you apply before May 1, 2023.

4. If I do not meet the credit requirement, can I take additional courses?

Yes. Applicants may cure deficits by earning additional credits and combining transcripts.

5. Can I take additional courses after I completed the required 26 credits at an ABA approved law school, pursuant to Rule 46 (c)(4)?

Yes. All credits must be earned by the date of submission of the admission bar application.

6. I went to a US non-ABA approved school, does this rule apply to me?

Yes. US non-ABA applicants must demonstrate that they have earned 83 credits in law subjects **OR** that they have satisfied the education requirement to practice law in the jurisdiction in which the degree was earned, **AND** they have completed the 26 credits pursuant to Rule 46 (c)(4).

For example, applicants who have graduated from California-accredited but non-ABA-approved law schools are eligible to sit for the exam in California. Once the applicant has completed 26 credits at an ABA approved law school, the applicant may submit an application for admission in D.C. via bar exam.

7. If I receive a letter regarding my educational requirements, what should I do?

Please read all correspondence from COA carefully. If you still have questions, please send an email to iwelch@dcappeals.gov

8. I have an LLM. Can I sit for the DC Bar Exam?

It depends. Rule 46 (c)(4) requires completion of 26 credits that are substantially concentrated in subjects tested on the UBE. If your coursework does not show that you have satisfied this requirement, you may be ineligible. Please review the guidance on the 26-credit-hour requirement.

9. I sat for the bar exam before but have been notified that I am no longer eligible, what can I do?

Ability to sit for past exams does not guarantee eligibility to sit for future exams.

If you have not satisfied the credit requirement, you have the opportunity to cure the deficit by taking additional courses.

10. My transcript was translated/evaluated by a credential evaluation service agency that is not on the list. Do I have to have my transcript translated/evaluated again?

It depends. Please submit your documents in advance to iwelch@dcappeals.gov for review and determination.

11. I am barred in another jurisdiction but do not meet the educational requirements. What are my options?

Please refer to question 4.

Alternatively, applicants who are barred in another jurisdiction, and who have remained in good standing for at least 3 years, may apply for admission via D.C. App. R. 46(e)(3)(A) based on three years' membership in good standing in the bar of another jurisdiction. Additional information may be found under Information and Application on the Committee for Admissions website.